SECTION 25

NUMBERS

Cardinal numbers are listed in Figure 24, together with their commonly pronounced Spanish equivalents.

	Manobo	Spanish
1	sebad	ono
2	dowa	dos
3	telo	tris
4	epat	kwatro
5	lima	singko
6	enem	sis
7	pito	siti
8	walo	otso
9	siyam	nwibi
10	sempolò	dyis
20	kelowan	binti
30	ketlowan	trinta
40	kepatan	kwarinta
50	keliman	singkwinta
60	keneman	sisinta
70	kepitowan	sitinta
80	kewelowan	otsinta
90	kesyaman	nobinta
100	sebad gatos	sinto
1000	sebad melalan	mil

Figure 24. Cardinal Numbers

When counting, the number 'one' (by itself) is expressed by *sà* rather than *sebad*.

Sà, dowa, telo. One, two, three

Tens and units are connected by the particle *teg*, except that *teg* combines with 'one' as *tegusà*.

sempolò tegusà	eleven
sempolò teg dowa	twelve
sempolò teg telo	thirteen
kelowan tegusà	twenty-one
kelowan teg epat	twenty-four
ketlowan tegusà	thirty-one
ketlowan teg lima	thirty-five

Unit numbers are used preceding the words 'hundred' and 'thousand' to indicate the size of those amounts.

sebad gatos	one hundred
dowa gatos	two hundred
lima gatos	five hundred
sebad melalan	one thousand
dowa melalan	two thousand

Compound numbers are stated in the order of thousands, hundreds, tens, and units.

sempolò tegusà	eleven
sebad gatos sebad	one hundred one
sebad melalan sebad	one thousand one
sebad gatos sempolò	one hundred ten
sebad gatos sempolò tegusà	one hundred eleven
sebad melalan siyam gatos kepitowan teg lima	one thousand nine hundred seventy-five

The ordinal number 'first' is expressed by the word *tagnà*. The remaining ordinal numbers are formed by prefixing the corresponding cardinal numbers with *ike-*.

ikedowa	second
iketelo	third
ikeepat	fourth
ikesempolò	tenth

The number of times an action is repeated is indicated by prefixing the cardinal numbers with *neke-*.

nekesebad	once
nekedowa	twice
neketelo	three times
nekesempolò	ten times

The number of included days or nights is indicated by affixing the cardinal numbers (except for the number 'one') with the affix *ne--an*.

nedowaan	two days or nights
netelowan	three days or nights
neepatan	four days or nights
Nedowaan kay den.	We had been there two days.
Netelowan dan ekon diyà te dalan.	They were reportedly three days on the way.

The number of items in each subgroup of a larger group is indicated by reduplicating a unit number and using the prefix *teg-*.

tegdowa-dowa	by twos
tegtelo-telo	by threes
teg-epat-epat	by fours

For money amounts of a peso or more, the cardinal numbers are used.

sempolò pisos	ten pesos
sebad gatos pisos	one hundred pesos

Money amounts of less than a peso are counted in multiples of twenty centavos, called pisita, and a remainder stated in Spanish numbers. A fifteen centavo amount or remainder may be either *kinsi* or *dyis singko*.

singko sintabos	five centavos
dyis sintabos	ten centavos
kinsi sintabos	fifteen centavos
dyis singko	fifteen centavos

sebad pisita	twenty centavos
pisita singko	twenty-five centavos
pisita dyis	thirty centavos
pisita kinsi	thirty-five centavos
pisita dyis singko	thirty-five centavos
dowa pisita	forty centavos
epat pisita dyis	ninety centavos

The amount of exactly fifty centavos is indicated by reference to the silver half peso coin, called *selapì*.

sebad selapì	fifty centavos

When Spanish numbers are used for pesos, the word *pisos* may be omitted, and remainders of less than a peso are given in the Spanish decimal system.

ono singkwinta	one peso fifty centavos
kinsi trinta	fifteen thirty

Spanish numbers are also used to indicate the cost of each item when many items are priced alike. These numbers follow the particle *teg*. The Spanish number 'one' is omitted in favor of the money unit word.

teg pisita	twenty centavos each
teg piso	one peso each
teg dos	two pesos each
teg diyis binti	ten pesos twenty centavos each
tegbinti dos	twenty-two pesos each

Spanish numbers are used to indicate the hour of day. One o'clock takes the form *ala ona*. The remaining hour numbers from two through twelve follow the word *alas* 'o'clock'.

alas otso	eight o'clock
alas dosi	twelve o'clock

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